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1. Polish officials are visiting the Senftenberg region of the Russian Zone in increasing numbers in an effort to recruit German farm laborers and semi-skilled workers for settlement in Polish administered Germany. The consulate recently opened by the Polish Government in Senftenberg devotes most of its time to the organization of propaganda meetings to attract German settlers. At first these meetings were much attended by the Germans, who displayed considerable interest in emigration; during the past few weeks, however, attendance has declined sharply, as the Poles now required each person to register his name and give other information about himself before he will be admitted.

2. The first trainload of German settlers, mainly farmhands and handicraftsmen, left Senftenberg for Polish administered Germany on 2 May 1947. The train consisted of only three coaches and twelve freight cars. In explanation, the Polish recruiters stated that more cars filled with German settlers were expected to come from other parts of the Russian Zone, and that a single large transport would be arranged at the border.

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that during January and February 1947 a delegation of Polish officers, most of them majors and colonels, visited the areas around Cottbus (A57), Senftenberg and Forst (A77) and made "recruiting speeches" to the German civilian population. The purpose of these speeches, which apparently had the approval of the SMA, was to persuade "Germans of good will" to move to the Polish administered areas of Germany, and particularly to Upper Silesia.)

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